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A STEP TOWARD SIMPLIFYING THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

It is to be hoped that the rules committee of the new council—when the board of aldermen sees fit to organize and appoint its members of the committee—will give serious consideration to the suggestion that the present rules be amended so as to provide for smaller standing committees.

There are now six standing committees. The finance committee has six members, three from each branch of the council, while the other five have five members each, two from the board of aldermen and three from the common council.

Committees of three would meet oftener and manage the affairs of the respective departments of the city government in better shape than committees of five. Under the present arrangement the committees do not appreciate the responsibility resting upon them. A committee very rarely meets with all members present, and usually there is a bare quorum—two common councilmen and one alderman. The rules require that one member from each branch shall be present to constitute a quorum, and only too frequently each of the two aldermen depends upon the other to attend. As a result, some of the committees fail to meet time and again. For instance, the ordinance and police committee had not met in four or five months when the old organization of the council passed out of existence. This, of course, handicapped the work of the police department to an extent, though the department is operated under the supervision of a board of commissioners. The creditors of the department are still waiting for payment of their bills, as the council held no meetings in August after the chairman of the committee, despairing of getting a meeting, finally decided to send the account up to the council without approval.

With committees of three, each committee member would feel a greater measure of responsibility and, we believe, every regular meeting would be held unless members should happen to be unavoidably kept away. Business would be transacted in less slipshod fashion, and each committee member would feel a personal responsibility for the conduct of his department of the city government.

To reduce the size of the committees is the only immediate and direct step the council can take toward simplifying the municipal government. And the necessity for simplification is becoming more and more apparent every day.

SUSPICION PREMATURE.

Discussing this paper's comment upon the Second district congressional primary, the esteemed Danville Register says:

We are hopeful that a mere recount of the ballots in the Second district will be sufficient to reassure and satisfy all parties and to allay a suspicion, which seems to us premature and unsubstantiated as yet by any facts to warrant such a clamor. If Maynard is entitled to the nomination he should have it by all means. The post-office and the ballots ought to show in a recent just who has been nominated.

Whatever may be the result of an investigation in the Second district, this paper is not willing to concede that there has been any premature suspicion. A man who had never heard of politics hardly could read an account of this primary without suspecting that all had not been regular. And that court house precinct business would make a politician can test the primary if he had been beaten in the district by three hundred majority instead of forty-five.

RELIC OF CARPET-BAG REGIME.

That the fee system will be one of the issues, probably the principal issue, of the next legislative campaign, is certain. From all over the state demands are coming for the abolition of this system under which the people are paying hundreds of office holders two or three times what they are worth.

The Roanoke World says: The fee system is one of the surviving relics of the carpet-bag regime in the South; one of the few surviving antiquated and unbusinesslike measures, prejudicing the South's progress, which our constructive statesmen have not had the courage to combat. Beyond doubt the system is doomed. In other Southern states it is a lively issue.

Judge Rhea's interference in the school book matter was timely. It would be folly and worse to make it impossible for the school children to get their books this fall pending a decision of the attorney-general's contention that the publishing corporations are liable to taxation for doing business in the State. The question can be decided after the books have been furnished. If the corporation commission rules that the corporations are not liable to taxation, then nobody will have been harmed. On the other hand, if the opinion of the attorney-general is sustained, the corporations can pay the fees and all will be well.

RAVAGES OF THE RAT.

Dreadful Record of Disease That Marks His Loathsome Trail.

For one of the most terrible of all diseases the rat is now certainly known to be responsible—the bubonic plague, or "black death." No scourge of mankind is more dreadful than this, states a writer in McClure's. It was slaying the Egyptians at the beginning of recorded history. A single epidemic cost Athens a third of her citizens. At Lyons in 1572 the pestilence killed 50,000 persons. Venice in 1576 lost 70,000. During the great plague of London in 1665 68,500 died out of a population of 300,000, and the dead lay in the streets, because the living were too few to bury them.

Even as late as 1771 an epidemic of the bubonic plague cost Moscow nearly a fourth of its 250,000 souls. But after the last Plague of the disease retired to India and the region westward toward the Mediterranean, which seems to have been its original home, and after 1850 Europe and Africa were free.

It broke out again in 1894 from a peculiarly virulent strain that had its habitat in certain districts of northern China. The army supply trains carried the rats and the rats carried the bacillus pestis from the Manchurian frontier to the sea. From there it made its way back by junks to Canton, where between March and August of 1894 it killed upward of 100,000 persons. Thence the Chinese strain of the plague bacillus passed by ship to Bombay and diffused itself through India. Five million persons died of the pestilence in India during the six years that ended with 1908, and it was only with 1909 that the annual mortality fell below 200,000.

Before it was discovered that quarantine must include rats as well as men this new Indo-Chinese strain had spread over the whole civilized world.

An Unburied Admiral.

The bones of John Paul Jones remain uninterred. They repose in a coffin supported on a couple of wooden sawhorses under the stairway of the large building used as a dormitory and mess hall by the midshipmen at the Naval academy at Annapolis. The location is entirely inappropriate in all respects. It is in the midst of the activities and revelries of the young men who are being fitted for the duties of the commissioned personnel of the navy. It is a makeshift which does not add to the solemnity of the situation. It would be better to place the coffin in a less public place, perhaps in some corner of the chapel at the Naval academy or in a temporary structure in the academy cemetery. It was intended that the body should rest in a specially designed and constructed crypt, but Congress has not provided the means for this last resting place.—Washington Herald.

"Matty" the Great.

In Mathewson the New York team has a great winning pitcher. In my estimation he is about the greatest man who ever tossed a baseball, and the rest of the pitching staff is strong and dangerous. In spite of this fact the Cubs as a team would rather go up against Matty than any of the big pitchers today. In saying this I do not mean to exempt a number of weaker pitchers we are always confident of beating, but of the recognized big league pitchers today Matty is our choice. My reason for making this rather astonishing statement is that Matty is a careful, steady, "straight" pitcher. He always pitches for the plate and does not try to intimidate a batter by such tricks as throwing for his head or trying to graze his shins. We know that Matty has wonderful control over the ball.—John Evers (Second Base) Chicago National in Metropolitan Magazine.

A hot spring—jumping from the frying pan into the fire. And there may be more water in it than appears on the surface. A cricket makes more noise than a hornet, but commands less respect.

STOCK MARKET WEAKENS

Speculative Dealings are Greatly Curtailed.

BEARS ARE INTIMIDATED

Activity Excess On the Exchange of Previous Day Seems to Have Represented the Limit to Which Professional Operators Are Willing to Go.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Speculative dealings in stocks were curtailed greatly today. Yesterday's excess of activity seemed to represent the limit to which the professional operators were willing to go. Some further selling was in evidence early today apparently designed to test the market. The bears were intimidated by signs of support in two or three stocks in which activity centers. They found, also, little evidence of a supply of stocks to sale which would prove available for their needs in the event of a desire to cover their short contracts. The bear selling came to a stop. Business will be resumed on the Exchange next Tuesday.

The government report on cotton conditions was the last factor relied on to awaken any active interest in the market. Both the stock and cotton markets were practically unresponsive to the showing. While the condition figure was in close accord with estimates in the trade, it was in contrast, in that respect with the unexpected deterioration shown by the report a month ago and more over, was better than the preceding estimates offered by some of the recognized experts. The cotton report therefore, was not a factor of discouragement in the day's market. The preliminary estimates of the week's currency movement bore out the supposition that the drain on the cash holdings of the banks would run to the neighborhood of \$10,000,000. The great dullness of the present demand for credits in New York leaves the movement without any great influence.

Great interest attaches to the settlement of the controversy over the standing of bills of lading on American cotton shipments and the postponement of the meeting of London bankers, called for today to consider the matter left an additional factor of uncertainty.

Bonds were steady; total sales, \$1,957,000. United States bonds are unchanged on call from last week. Total sales for the day were 195,800 shares, including: Sugar, 100; Chesapeake & Ohio, 1,000; Louisville & Nashville, 300; Reading, 38,000; Sloss-Sheffield, 100; Southern Railway, 500; Southern Railway, 100; Union Pacific, 35,300; United States Steel, 39,700; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 100.

Closing List.

Allis Chalmers pfd	31	31
Amalgamated Copper	63 1/2	63 1/2
American Agricultural	43 1/2	43 1/2
American Beet Sugar	35 1/2	35 1/2
American Can	8 1/2	8 1/2
American Car & Foundry	46 1/2	46 1/2
American Cotton Oil	61 1/2	61 1/2
American Hide & Leather pfd	29 1/2	29 1/2
American Ice Securities	19	19
American Lined	11	11
American Locomotive	34 1/2	34 1/2
American Smelting & Refn	67	67
American Smelting & Refn pfd	103	103
American Steel Foundries	43	43
American Sugar Refining	117 1/2	117 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	134 1/2	134 1/2
American Tobacco pfd	92 1/2	92 1/2
American Woolen	27	27
Anaconda Mining Co.	96 1/2	96 1/2
Atchafalpa	99 1/2	99 1/2
Atlantic Coast Line	109	109
Baltimore & Ohio	102 1/2	102 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	26 1/2	26 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	74 1/2	74 1/2
Canadian Pacific	189 1/2	189 1/2
Central Leather	33 1/2	33 1/2
Central Leather pfd	105 1/2	105 1/2
Central of New Jersey	250	250
Chesapeake & Ohio	72 1/2	72 1/2
Chicago & Alton	28 1/2	28 1/2
Chicago Great Western	22 1/2	22 1/2
Chicago Great Western pfd	44 1/2	44 1/2
Chicago & North Western	142 1/2	142 1/2
Chicago Mil. & St. Paul	118 1/2	118 1/2
C. C. & St. Louis	70	70
Colorado Fuel & Iron	28 1/2	28 1/2
Colorado & Southern	53	53
Consolidated Gas	128 1/2	128 1/2
Corn Products	13 1/2	13 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	158	158
Denver & Rio Grande	29 1/2	29 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	70	70
Distillers Securities	27 1/2	27 1/2
Erie 1st pfd	41 1/2	41 1/2
Erie 2nd pfd	29 1/2	29 1/2
General Electric	141 1/2	141 1/2
Iowa Northern pfd	123 1/2	123 1/2
Iowa Northern Ore Cts.	54	54
Illinois Central	126 1/2	126 1/2
Interborough-Met.	18 1/2	18 1/2
Interborough-Met. pfd	49 1/2	49 1/2
International Harvester	95 1/2	95 1/2
Inter-Marine pfd	19 1/2	19 1/2
International Paper	28 1/2	28 1/2
International Pump	16	16
Iowa Central	28	28
Kansas City Southern	28	28
Kansas City Southern pfd	60	60
Laclede Gas	39 1/2	39 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	141 1/2	141 1/2
Minneapolis & St. Louis	23	23
Minn. St. P. & Sault St. M.	128	128
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	21	21
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd	61	61
Missouri Pacific	52	52
National Biscuit	112	112
National Lead	50 1/2	50 1/2
Natl. Ry. of Mexico 2nd pfd	28 1/2	28 1/2

PROPER CLOTHES for MEN

Pepper Says
Fall Season

is fast approaching. You may not have thought of it, but we have made great preparation in the way of

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In all the New Shapes and Colors, in

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2715

Washington Avenue,

Newport News, Va.

New York Central 110
New York, Ontario & Western 39 1/2
Norfolk & Western 96
North American 67
Northern Pacific 114 1/2
Pacific Mail 25 1/2
Pennsylvania 127 1/2
People's Gas 104
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis 26
Pittsburg Coal 16
Pressed Steel Car 33 1/2
Pullman Palace Car 158
Railway Steel Spring 31
Reading 139 1/2
Republic Steel 29 1/2
Republic Steel pfd 90
Rock Island Co. pfd 29 1/2
Rock Island Co. pfd 63
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd 29
St. Louis Southwestern 31
St. Louis Southwestern pfd 56
Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron 111 1/2
Southern Pacific 22 1/2
Southern Railway 50
Southern Railway pfd 50
Tennessee Copper 26
Texas & Pacific 25
Toledo, St. Louis & West 22 1/2
Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd 49
Union Pacific 164 1/2
Union Pacific pfd 91
United States Realty 34
United States Rubber 68 1/2
United States Steel 116
United States Steel pfd 45 1/2
Utah Copper 57 1/2
Virginia Carolina Chemical 16 1/2
Wabash 30 1/2
Wabash pfd 44
Western Maryland 57
Westinghouse Electric 61
Western Union 5 1/2
Wheeling & Lake Erie 5 1/2

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 2.—Higher prices for wheat were maintained today from start to finish, but only narrowly so and traders were generally nervous. A small lot, 15,000 bushels, was sold from Chicago to Hamburg at a specially low ocean rate. Another source of encouragement to holders was the fact that the September delivery was relatively higher than other months both here and elsewhere. Closing figures were at a net gain of 1/4 to 1/2. The flintish left corn certain within a shade of last night's quotations; oats a sixteenth off, and provisions varying from 20 decline to 1/2 advance.

Articles Open High Low Close

Wheat—	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Sept.	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2
Oct.	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2
Nov.	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Corn—	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Sept.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Oct.	57 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Nov.	60	60 1/2	60	60 1/2
Oats—	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Sept.	33 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Oct.	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Nov.	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Mess Pork, per bbl.—	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Sept.	20.95	21.02 1/2	20.95	20.95
Oct.	20.77 1/2	20.77 1/2	20.57 1/2	20.60
Nov.	18.52 1/2	18.62 1/2	18.52 1/2	18.60
Lard, per 100 lbs.—	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Sept.	11.95	12.07 1/2	11.95	12.07 1/2
Oct.	12.07 1/2	12.19	12.05	12.10
Nov.	11.60	11.67 1/2	11.60	11.65
Jan.	10.65	10.67 1/2	10.65	10.67 1/2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Sept.	12.10	12.12 1/2	12.02 1/2	12.05
Oct.	11.87 1/2	11.97 1/2	11.80	11.87 1/2
Jan.	9.70	9.72 1/2	9.67 1/2	9.70

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Money on call, easy; highest, 2 per cent; lowest, 1 1/2; ruling rate, 1 1/2; last loan, 1 1/2; closing bid, 1 1/2; offered at 1 1/2. Time loans, steady; sixty days, 3 1/4; six months, 4 1/4.

Close: Prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2 to 6 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48.25 for 60 days.

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Hampton, Phoebus and Old Point

REFUSES TO LEAVE BIG 12 INCH GUN

Powder Charge Not Sufficient to "Push" Out Projectile at Battery DeRoussey.

The 300 pound projectile, which remained pinned in gun No. 1 at Battery DeRoussey, at Fort Monroe on July 21, when eleven artillerymen were killed and six others were wounded, still remains in the big gun, having failed to budge an inch yesterday when an attempt was made to dislodge it with a shot of 109 pounds of smokeless powder.

According to Colonel Clarence P. Townsley, the commanding officer at Fort Monroe, the discharge of powder used yesterday was inadequate to "shove" the big steel bullet from its lodgement and it will be necessary for the army authorities to make another try with a much larger charge of the smokeless powder. Just when the next attempt to "push" the projectile out will be made could not be given out last night. Colonel Townsley said that the discharge yesterday simply failed to meet the requirements and before another try can be made the proper orders will have to be forthcoming from Washington.

According to Colonel Townsley there was no danger of smothering the men from the fumes of the shot yesterday. "You see," said the commanding officer, "when the projectile failed to leave the gun, the men were unable to again open the breech, but simply opened a vent and permitted the fumes from the discharge to ooze out gradually, thereby making it almost impossible for an accident to occur. It required probably 40 minutes for the fumes to ooze out."

HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. W. F. Wyatt Almost Run Down by Dr. Howard's Auto.

William F. Wyatt, a clerk in the Hampton Furniture Company's store, had a narrow escape from being run down by Dr. William H. Howard's automobile at the corner of King and Queen streets last night about 8:20 o'clock. The large crowd around the corners at the time almost shrouded to see the closeness with which the young man missed death, while Dr. Howard gave a very good exhibition of managing a machine. Mr. Wyatt threw his hands out and was pushed back a few feet before the auto came to a standstill, although Dr. Howard hurriedly put on his breaks and reversed the engine.

Mr. Wyatt was standing in the street, near the corner, conversing with Mr. L. N. Mears, when Dr. Howard came up and turned into King street without noticing the two men. Before Mr. Wyatt realized it, the big machine was almost upon him and he threw out both hands and hung to the dashboard, but Dr. Howard had already reversed the engine and put on the breaks, thus bringing the car to a quick stop.

SIMPSON IS ACQUITTED.

Tazewell, Va., Murder Case Comes to An End.

TAZEWELL, VA., Sept. 2.—"Not guilty" was the verdict returned by the jury in the trial of Walter Simpson for the murder of Charles Jones in Thompson Valley several months ago. The trial had been in progress since Monday morning and will be reckoned as one of the great murder trials of this county. The defense was represented by Chapman & Gillespie and Henson & Bowen, and the Commonwealth Attorney was assisted by Greger & Gillespie. The opinion was freely expressed before the report of the jury that Simpson would be given a term in the penitentiary.

SHOOTS HIS NEICE.

Baltimore Man Would Kill Girl Because She Refuses Him.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 2.—Because she refused to marry him, a Baltimore man shot and killed his 18-year-old niece today. After shooting the girl, Poole attempted to kill himself, but his wound is not a serious one.

Poole, who is about 35 years old, had been in love with the girl for some time, but she had always repulsed his advances.

HAMPTON FIRM WILL ERECT THE QUARTERS

R. H. Richardson & Son Submit Lowest Bid for Buildings at Fort Monroe.

R. H. Richardson & Son, the Hampton contractors, were the lowest bidders for the construction of two sets of field officers' quarters at Fort Monroe, bids for which were opened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the office of Capt. Ernest R. Tilton, the constructing quartermaster.

William G. Morris, of Phoebus, was the lowest bidder on the plumbing and heating and Samuel J. Watson, Jr., of Hampton, was the successful bidder for the electrical work.

The bidders and their bids follow: R. H. Richardson & Son, Hampton; construction, \$16,058. J. H. Brinson, Hampton; construction, \$11,768. W. G. Morris, Phoebus; plumbing, \$1,873; heating, \$1,800. C. V. Taylor, Hampton; plumbing, \$1,939; heating, \$1,861. W. S. King, Loneoke, Ark.; plumbing, \$3,350. S. J. Watson, Jr., Hampton; electrical work, \$936. Brighton Electrical company, New York; electrical work, \$1,418.

TO "SNAP SHOT" CLASS AT MEMORIAL CHURCH

Men's Bible Class Will Assemble in Lecture Room Tomorrow Morning to be Photographed.

Tomorrow is expected to prove a red letter day with the members of the Men's Bible class at the Memorial Baptist church, as the big class will be "officially" photographed by E. E. Cheyne following the usual morning lesson. It is expected that the attendance will be the largest in the history of the class, as it is especially desired to have every member's picture included in the group picture.

"Every man on the lower peninsula," said Mr. George A. Schuch, the class leader, "is especially invited to be present with the class tomorrow morning, while we earnestly desire that every member shall make a special effort to be present."

Crabbers Sign New Pact

William G. Walsh, a new York State League player, was yesterday signed by Manager McAllister of the Hampton Crabbers, and will play in two games on Monday—Labor Day.

Manager McAllister yesterday withdrew the letter of protest, which he filed against the decisions of Judge Rayfield in the game of Thursday afternoon between the Crabbers and the Artillerymen. While Manager McAllister feels that the decisions were "rank," he finally decided that protest would not result in a favorable decision as it would be a question of an umpire's judgment.

We like the Devil Crabs, but you like the Devil Crabs at Puller's. Ask for the money.

SWEET PICKLE PEACHES!

A nice article, put up the old-fashioned way, as cheap as dirt, while they last, dozen 12c

Absolutely Pure Hot Sauce—a thing that most dealers don't carry now days, but we have and always do.

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